

# N A R B E R T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1954

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1954. I commenced my official duties with your Authority on 1st September, 1955. This report is therefore compiled from the work carried out by my predecessor, Dr. Dorothy Griffiths, and by Dr. D. J. Davies and Dr. Speedy.

### V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) ..... 1954.....  
..... 9,940 .....

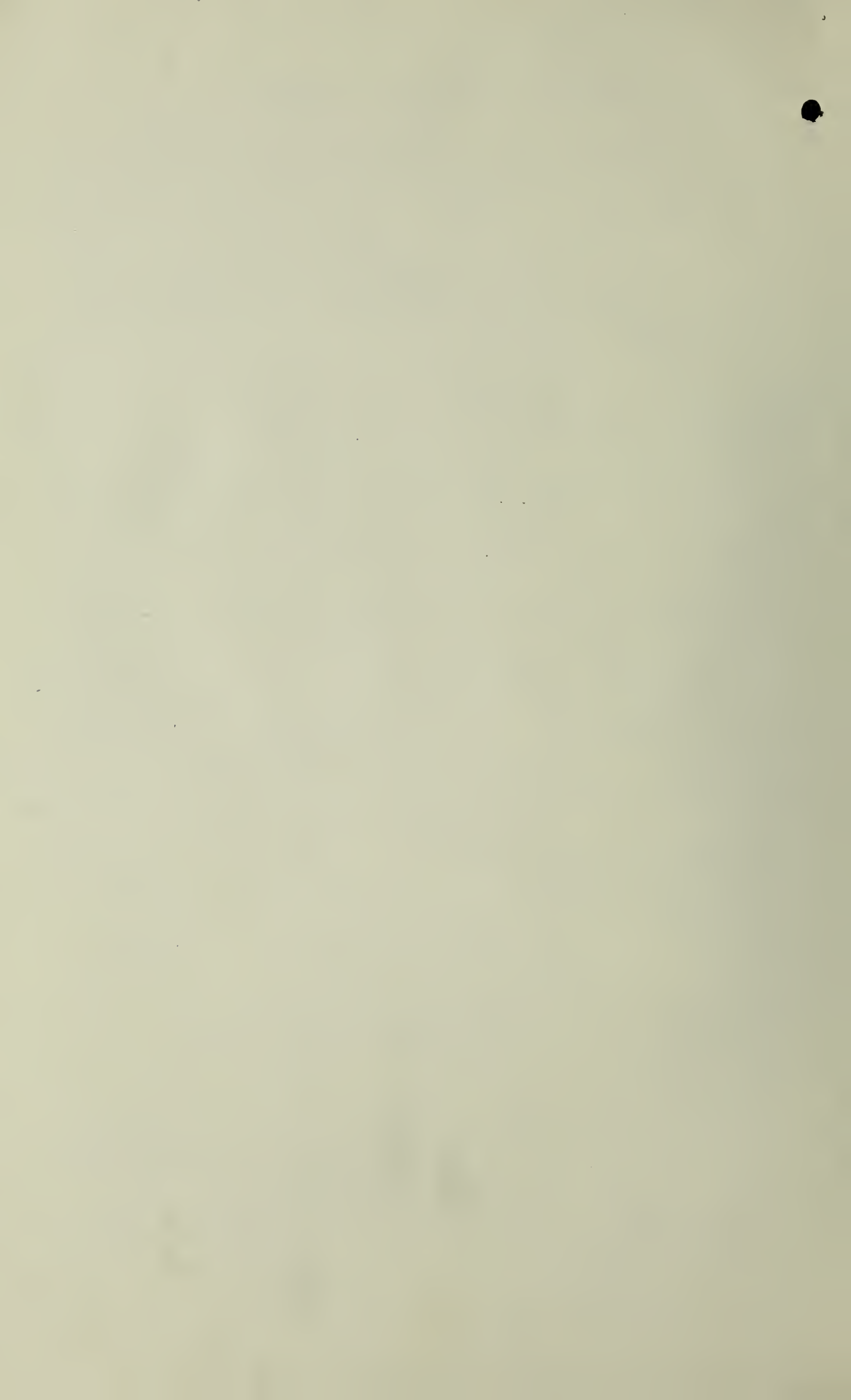
	<u>Narberth</u> <u>R.D. 1954.</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>R.D. 1953.</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>&amp; Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	14.7	12.9	16.72	15.2
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	16.4	11.38	12.40	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	13.6	15.6	32.23	25.5

### Causes of Death

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total (all causes)	91	73
Tuberculosis (all forms)	1	-
Cancer	10	21
Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	17
Coronary disease, angina	13	4
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
Other heart disease	13	15
Other circulatory disease	5	3
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	3	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	5	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	8
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	3	-
Suicide	1	-

The Death Rate is higher than that for the County of Pembroke or for the whole Country. Of the 164 registered deaths, 59 (or approx. 36%) were of persons over the age of 70 years, and 33 (or approx. 20%) were over 80 years of age.

The Infant Mortality Rate shows a fall. There were two deaths of infants under 1 year of age, both due to congenital malformations.



## NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Acute Polio-myelitis                      3                      Whooping Cough                      8

The three cases of Polio-myelitis were admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble.

## TUBERCULOSIS

One case of non-respiratory tuberculosis and two cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified. Two of these cases were admitted to hospital during the year, and also two cases previously notified. There was one death due to tuberculosis.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn and the inhabitants of this area had an opportunity of being X rayed at either Narberth or Tenby.

## NARBERTH CENTRE

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total number of persons examined:	790	370	420
Definite Pulmonary Tuberculosis:	1	-	1
Requiring further observation for pulmonary tuberculosis:	4	3	1
Healed Primary Tuberculosis:	13	4	9
Non-tubercular abnormalities:	29	13	16

## TENBY CENTRE

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total number of persons examined:	942	379	563
Definite Pulmonary Tuberculosis:	1	1	-
Requiring further observation for pulmonary tuberculosis:	11	5	6
Healed Primary Tuberculosis:	14	7	7
Non-tubercular abnormalities:	37	20	17

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

## LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

## VACCINATION

Vaccination is carried out by the patient's own doctor, who is paid by the County Council for notifications to your Medical Officer of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 103 primary and 26 secondary vaccinations.

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

This is also carried out by the local practitioners and paid for by the County Council on receipt of the record cards. 116 children were immunised during 1954, and 180 children were given reinforcing injections.

The figures for vaccination and immunisation show a satisfactory increase.



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# NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

## REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

Several cases of old people living alone were investigated, but no statutory action was found to be necessary. The Welfare Officer visits such cases regularly.

## WATER

The number of houses and other properties supplied from the mains at the end of 1954 was :-

Amroth	145	Llawhaden	50	Minwere	3
Begelly	100	Llangelma	28	Narberth South	107
Bletherston	16	Llandissilic West	86	Narberth North	99
Ccedcanlas	5	Llanycefn	32	New Mead	26
Crincw	25	Llysyfran	20	Newton	14
Crunwere	36	Llanfallteg	14	Reynalton	26
East Williamston	89	Llandilc	10	Rcbeston Wathen	52
Grendre	30	Lceveston	11	St. Issells	701
Jeffreyston	89	Ludchurch	31	Vorlan	5
Lampeter Velfrey	120	Maenclochog	66	Yerbeston	8
Llanddewi Velfrey	73	Martletwy	40	Mcuntcn	2

The marked increase in the number of properties supplied from the mains in the parish of Lampeter Velfrey has been due to the recently opened sewerage scheme at Velfrey Road, Whitland, together with the construction of Council houses in this district.

Samples of water taken from mains supplies :- 16

Satisfactory 13 Unsatisfactory Nil Doubtful 3

## Private Supplies

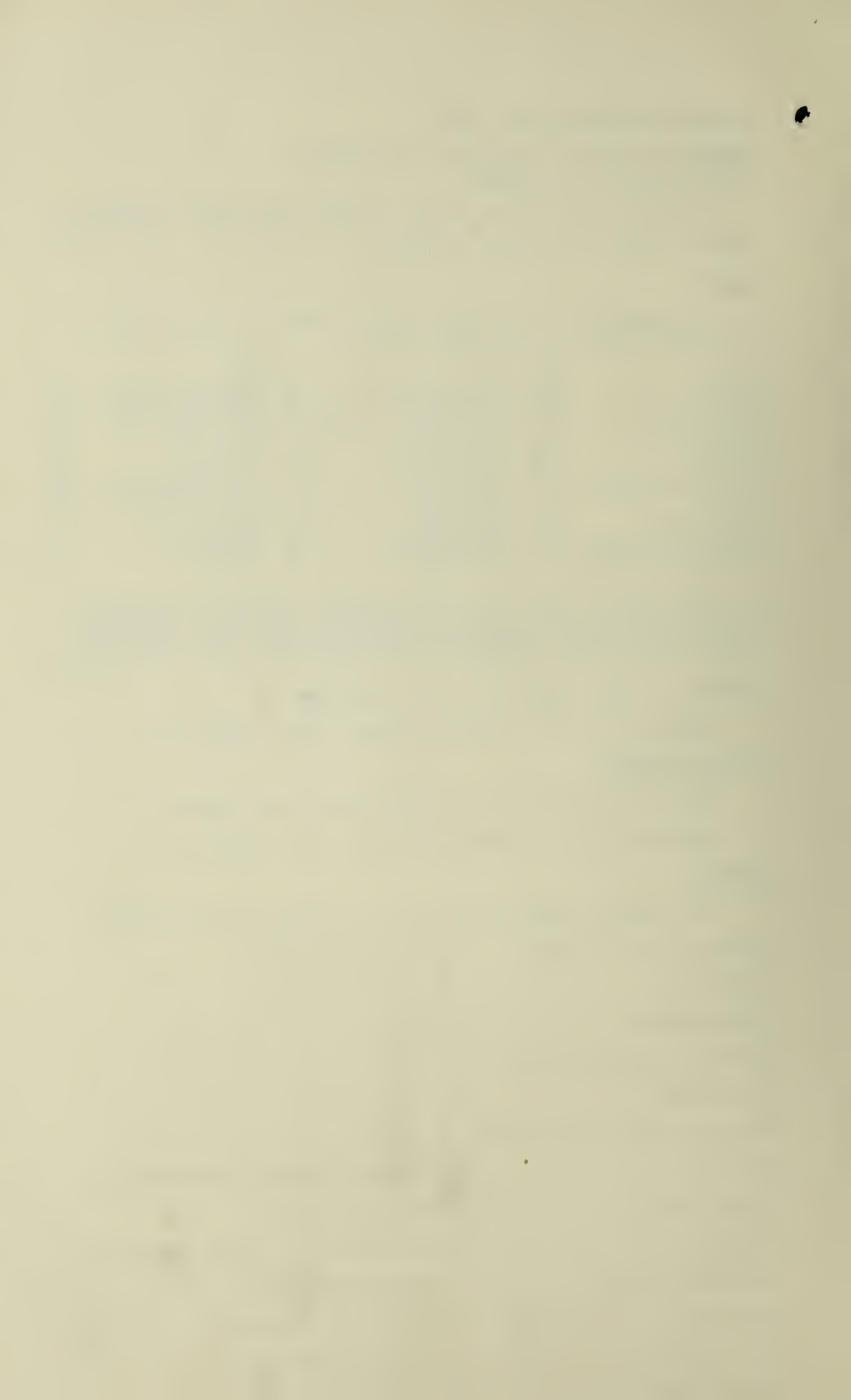
Twenty one samples were taken, the results being

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## HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1954 was as follows:-

Velfrey Road, Whitland;	12 houses completed
Templeton:	6 " "
Llandissilic:	4 " "
North Close, Saundersfoot:	7 " "
Cross Hands:	10 " "
Broadmead, East Williamston:	8 " "
Kilgetty:	12 houses commenced & 8 completed
Maenclochog:	6 houses commenced
New Mead:	Site works for 4 houses commenced.
Llandewi Velfrey:	8 houses commenced
Begelly:	2 Bungalows commenced
Tavernspite:	6 houses commenced
Summerhill:	10 houses and 4 bungalows commenced.





This now brings the total number of Council houses in each parish at the end of 1954 to :-

Amroth	12	Llangolman	4
Begelly	16	Llanycefn	4
Breadmoor	8	Llawhaden	6
Coxhill	18	Lampeter Velfrey	2
Cresselly	6	Ludchurch	6
Cross Hands	10	Maenclochog	2
Crunwre	4	Martletwy	6
East Williamston	2	New Mead	4
Grondre	6	Reynalton	4
Jeffreyston	6	Rebeston Wathen	8
Kilgetty (Ryelands)	36	Saundersfoot (North Close)	39
Kilgetty (1915)	8	Saundersfoot (Nash Place)	10
Kilgetty (New Site)	8	Saundersfoot (Windsor Tce.)	6
Llanddewi Velfrey	10	Tavernspite	2
Llandissilio	8	Templeton	15
		Velfrey Rd., Whitland.	12

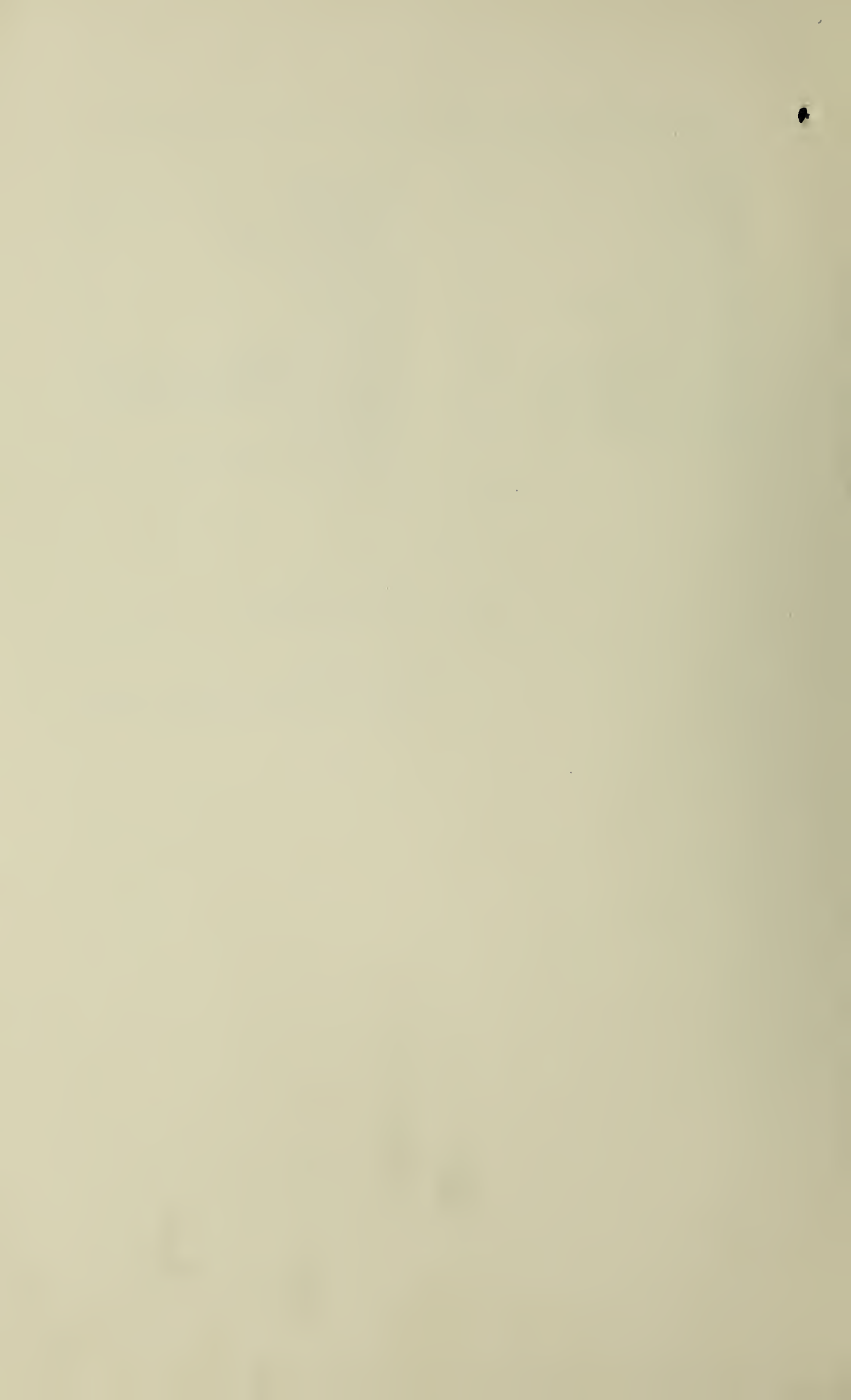
Total: 288 houses.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.





ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1954

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

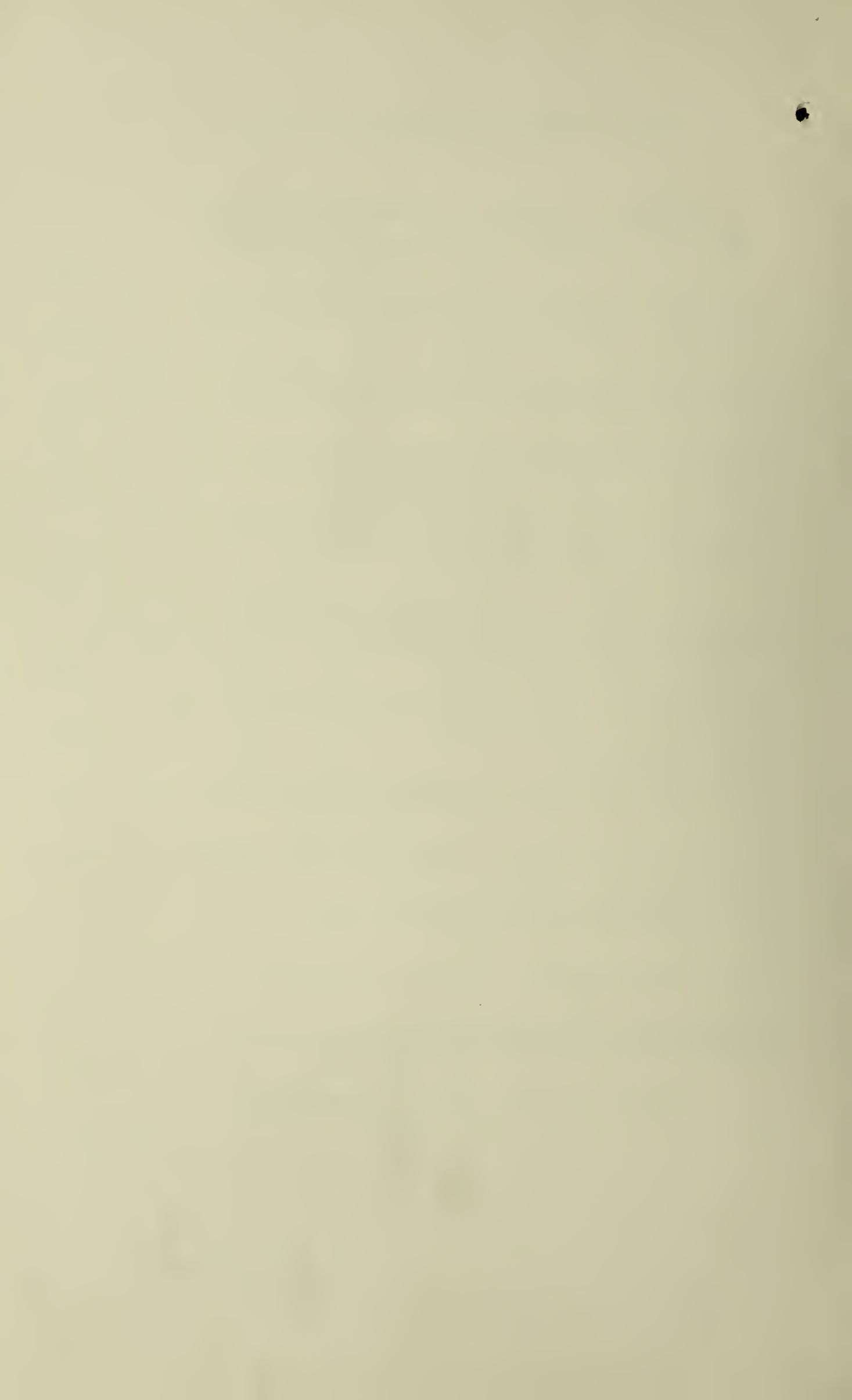
Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts)	109
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	9
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	17
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	13

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 &amp; 16</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	4
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners)	2
<u>Public Health Acts.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	15
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners)	3
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 &amp; 13</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	2
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	2
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Section 12</u>	
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	" "
No. of persons dwelling therein	" "
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	" "
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	" "
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	" "



SANITARY INSPECTION

No. of complaints received	41
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No. of defects or nuisances discovered	32
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Summary of InspectionsDwelling Houses:-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	Nil
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936	37
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	Nil
No. of inspections under Public Health Act	116

Drainage	17
Infectious Disease Enquiries and Disinfections	21
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	23
Schools	27
Factories (including bakehouses)	8
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	64
Refuse disposal	15
Water supplies	7
Miscellaneous	54

No. of Notices served

Preliminary:	Housing	5
	Other	4
Statutory:	Housing	9
	Other	Nil

Summary Action

Summons issued	Nil
Convictions obtained	Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Retailers	6
No. of Inspections	14

Milk Samples

Satisfactory	40	Unsatisfactory	23
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Dairymen

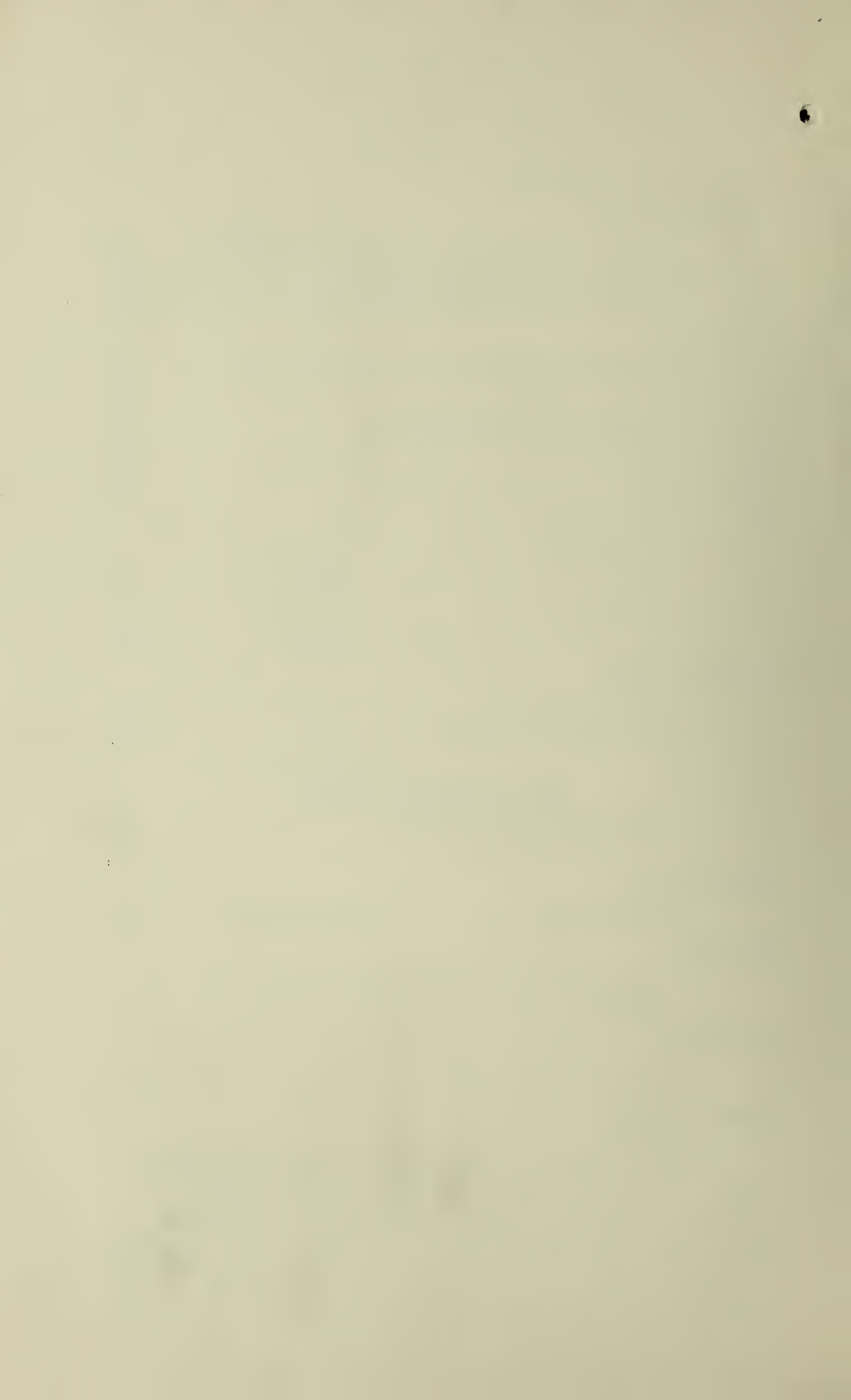
Licensed to use the designation Tuberculin Tested	6
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Ice Cream

No. of samples taken	Nil
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SLAUGHTERHOUSES

During the year licences in respect of four private slaughterhouses were renewed under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. A further licence was applied for in respect of a slaughterhouse, and it was proposed that it be granted subject to certain work being carried out so that it would come within the required standard. However, the owner did not require immediate use of the premises and hence deferred carrying out any work resulting in no licence being issued. Thus, to date the Council have five licensed slaughterhouses within their district, four such premises being licensed for the slaughter of cattle, sheep and pigs, and one premises licensed for the slaughter of horses only. Apart from Llwynpinner and Penparc, slaughtering is on a very small scale at



these slaughterhouses. The following list shows the number of animals slaughtered up to the end of the year.

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	403	18	28	25
Number inspected	403	18	28	25
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	12	Nil	1	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	338	Nil	12	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	Nil	Nil	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	1.2%	Nil	Nil	8%

2438 horses were also slaughtered.

In addition to meat condemned, the following feedstuffs were condemned :-

140 lbs. Sausage Meat  
12 Ducks  
2 Tins Corned Beef.

#### RODENT CONTROL

Numerous properties were inspected for the presence of rats and mice. Where infestations were found notices were served upon the occupiers to take steps to eradicate the rodents, and to carry out work which was found necessary to prevent any recurrence.

Kingsmoor Common refuse tip and the Kilgetty disposal works were treated in view of major infestations.

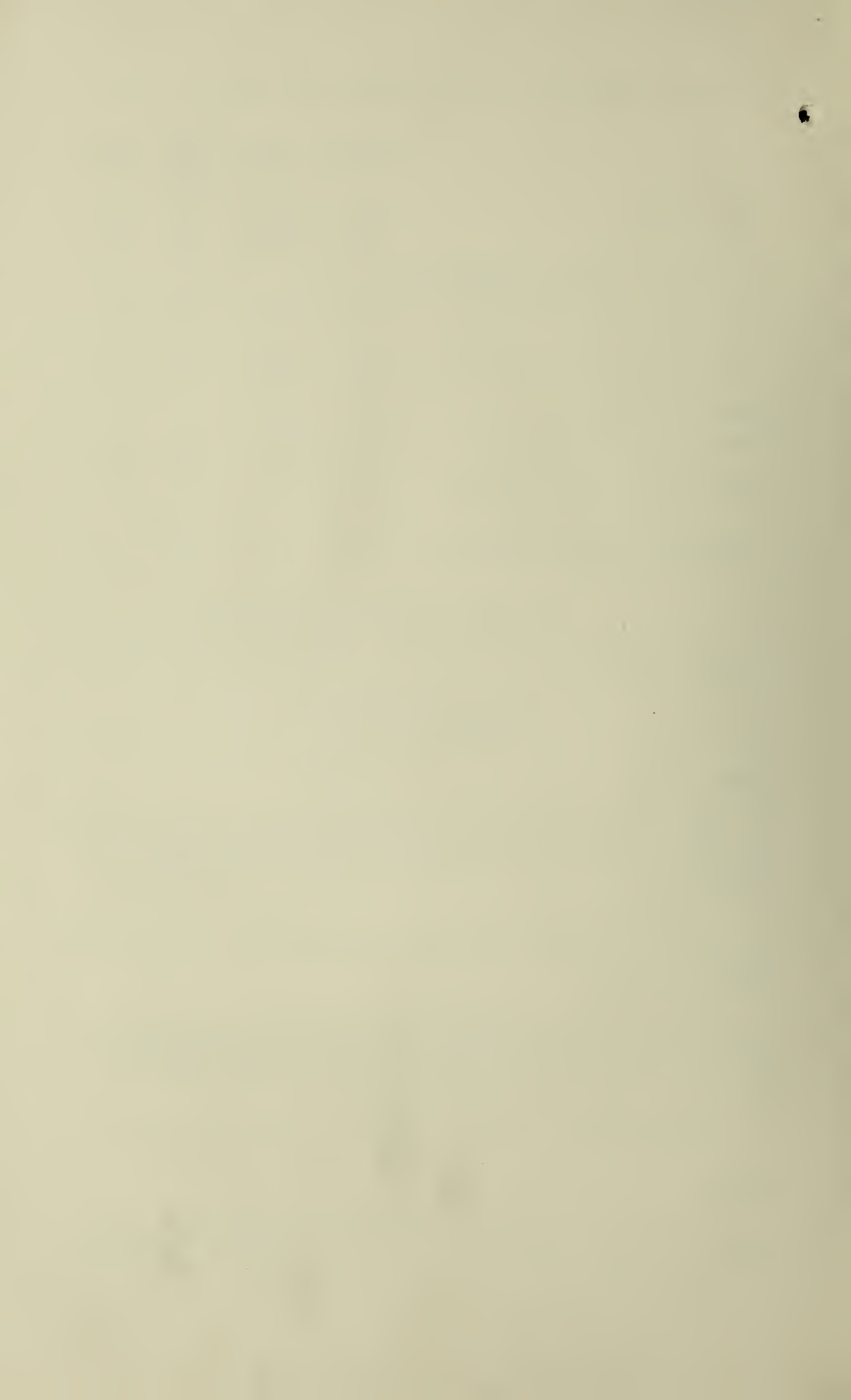
#### REFUSE COLLECTION

There has been an increased demand for the collection of refuse during the past twelve months with the result that the Council revised their collection service by maintaining the use of the two vehicles during the winter months, giving a more regular and satisfactory service.

Dumping still continues at Kingsmoor Common and the Carmarthen Rural District tip at Clynderwen.

#### SCHOOLS

A survey was carried out of all schools within the district and the standard of cleanliness of school kitchens and sanitary conveniences was found to be very satisfactory. A brief summary of the conditions found to exist are as follows:





Water closets are installed in thirteen of the schools. Pail closets are in use at three schools and activated earth pits in six schools. Water closets should be installed wherever possible, and with the exception of one school a piped water supply is available at all these premises.

A high percentage of the urinals are without flushing systems resulting in the presence of a foul odour. The absence of such systems can be appreciated in schools where there are no water closets, but where water closets are installed it would be desirable to provide and fix automatic flushing cisterns. It was also noted that in only four schools out of a total of twenty had provision been made to have separate conveniences for the staff.

Four wash hand basins per 100 children is the recommended standard, and some schools were well below such standard. For example, at Amroth C.P. School there was one wash hand basin (situated in the girls' cloakroom) for the use of forty-nine pupils and a staff of three, and three schools were without such facilities.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	38	14	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding cut-workers' premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	38	14	Nil	Nil

